



Farm to School Directory

**Serving Schools in Oakland
and Macomb Counties**

ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

The Farm to School Directory was developed through a partnership of Oakland County Health Division's Healthy Oakland Partnership (HOP), Macomb County Health Department, and Michigan State University Extension.



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Department

The Farm to School Directory helps connect schools to local farms by providing contact and produce information for farms and producers to school food service programs. This supports sourcing local foods for students in Oakland and Macomb County schools.

- Farm to School programs connect and enrich communities and increase farmers' revenues by providing a local market.
- Farm to School programs allow farmers to supply schools with fresh fruits and vegetables and provide students with a fresh, healthy meal.
- Farm to School programs can have a big economic impact; in 2015, Michigan schools invested \$19,392,100 in local food purchases.

HOW TO INCORPORATE FARM TO SCHOOL INTO YOUR:

School:

- Organize a field trip to a local farm
- Showcase student posters promoting the program and why they should eat local fruits and veggies
- Announce Farm to School meal over the PA system
- Invite farmers to visit the classroom and talk about how food is grown

Cafeteria:

- Connect with your Food Service Director to create a plan together
- Use posters to highlight the featured produce through the cafeteria, lunch line, and menu

Community:

- Connect with your school's PTA/PTO to let them know how they can help
- Host a Farm to School Community Event and invite farmers, parents, students, and local business owners

KEY

The following key is used throughout the directory to indicate produce available through each farm:



Apples



Asparagus



Beans



Beets



Berries



Broccoli



Cabbage



Carrots



Cherries



Corn



Cucumbers



Lettuce



Onions



Peaches



Pears



Peppers



Plums



Potatoes



Radishes



Squash



Tomatoes

The following is to be used throughout the directory to indicate a farmers preference for payment methods, documentation provided, and logistical operations:



**Interest in Farm to
School events**



Offers Delivery



Offers Tours



Credit Card



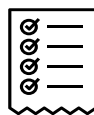
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Cash



Receipt



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BROOKWOOD FRUIT FARM

Contact Information:

Chuck & Will Bristol
7845 Bordman Rd.
Almont, MI 48003

810-798-8312

brookwoodfruitfarm@gmail.com
www.brookwoodfruitfarm.com

Open: Fall - Winter
Business Hours: 9am - 5pm, 7 days/week



Delivery

Radius: 40-50 miles
Minimum: Call to confirm



Tours

MWF 9am - 5pm
Call to confirm



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

BROOKWOOD FRUIT FARM

Produce Available



Apples

Payment Method



Credit Card



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Cash

Documentation Provided



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BURDA'S BERRY FARM

Contact Information:

Jim Burda
20095 M-60 E.
Three Rivers, MI 49093

269-506-1746

www.instagram.com/burdas_berries/

Open: Year Round at Eastern Market &
Summer - Fall at other Southeastern
Michigan Markets



Delivery

Radius: 100 miles
Minimum: Call to confirm



Tours

Not Offered



Does not participate in Farm to
School events

BURDA'S BERRY FARM

Produce Available

Payment Method

Documentation
Provided



Berries



Cash



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DANCING MEADOWS HOMESTEAD, LLC

Contact Information:

Melodee Beals
5914 Plank Rd.
Cottrellville, MI 48039

586-242-9192

dancingmeadowshomestead@gmail.com
www.dancingmeadowshomestead.com

Open: April - November
Business Hours: 8am - 4pm, M - F



Delivery

Radius: 50 miles
Minimum: \$50














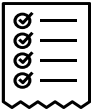





Tours

Summer, Th-F
10am - 4pm



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

DANCING MEADOWS HOMESTEAD, LLC

Produce Available				Payment Method	Documentation Provided
					
Asparagus	Beans	Beets	Cabbage	Credit Card	Receipt
					
Carrots	Corn	Cucumbers	Lettuce	Check	W-9
					
Peppers	Potatoes	Squash	Tomatoes	Cash	

MILLER'S BIG RED ORCHARD

Contact Information:

4900 32 Mile Rd.
Washington Twp., MI 48095

586-752-7888
ryanbmoore@ca.rr.com
www.BigRedOrchard.com

Open: Year Round
Business Hours: 10am - 6pm, Sun - Th
9am - 7 pm, F - Sa



Delivery

Radius: Negotiable
Minimum: \$500



Tours

Summer, 7 days/week
10am - 6pm



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

MILLER'S BIG RED ORCHARD

Produce Available



Apples



Asparagus



Berries



Cherries



Cucumbers



Peaches



Peppers



Plums



Squash



Tomatoes

Payment Method



Credit Card



Check

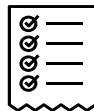


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PENZIEN'S PRODUCE

Contact Information:

707 North Blacks Corners Rd.
Imlay City, MI 48444

810-656-8058
blbmrpenzien@aol.com
www.facebook.com/PenziensProduce/

Open: Year Round
Business Hours: Call Ahead



Delivery

Radius: 100+ miles
Minimum: Negotiable



Tours

Call for more information



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

PENZIEN'S PRODUCE

Produce Available



Beets



Carrots



Potatoes



Squash



Radishes

Payment Method



Check

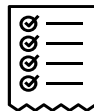


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MIKE PIRRONE PRODUCE

Contact Information:

15313 Bryce Rd.
Capac, MI 48014

810-395-4316
mattd@mikepirrone.com
www.mpirrone.com

Open: Summer, Fall, Winter
Business Hours: 8am - 10pm, M - Sun



Delivery

Radius: Negotiable
Minimum: \$500



Tours

Call for more information



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

MIKE PIRRONE PRODUCE

Produce Available

Payment Method

Documentation Provided



Beets



Broccoli



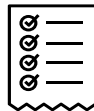
Cabbage



Carrots



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Cucumbers



Lettuce



Onions



Peppers



Radishes



Squash

PRIELIPP FARMS

Contact Information:

4665 Downing Hwy.
Britton, MI 49229

517-206-6063
dmdap@frontier.com
www.facebook.com/PrielippFarms/

Open: Call for more information
Business Hours: Call for more information



Delivery

Radius: Negotiable
Minimum: \$500



Tours

Call for more information



Does not participate in Farm to
School events

PRIELIPP FARMS

Produce Available



Cabbage



Peppers



Tomatoes



Squash

Payment Method



Credit Card



Check

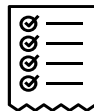


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SHAR KAR FARM

Contact Information:

5234 Meisner
China Twp., MI 48054

810-499-2386
sharkar.farm@comcast.net
www.sharkarfarm.com

Open: Call for more information
Business Hours: Call for more information



Delivery

Radius: Negotiable
Minimum: \$300



Tours

Call for more information



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

SHAR KAR FARM

Produce Available



Beets



Cabbage



Lettuce



Peppers



Radishes



Squash



Tomatoes

Call Sharon to see if additional produce is available

Payment Method



Credit Card



Check

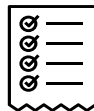


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VANHOUTTE FARMS & NORTHERN FARMS MARKET LLC

Contact Information:

69475 Romeo Plank Rd.
Armada, MI 48005

586-921-3777
connie_foster71@yahoo.com
<http://northernfarmmarketllc.com/>

Open: Call for more information
Business Hours: Call for more information



Delivery

Radius: Less than 100 miles
Minimum: Negotiable



Tours

Call for more information



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

VANHOUTTE FARMS & NORTHERN FARMS MARKET LLC

Produce Available

Payment Method

Documentation Provided



Asparagus



Beets



Berries



Cabbage



Carrots



Lettuce



Peppers



Potatoes



Radishes



Squash



Tomatoes



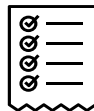
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VERELLEN ORCHARDS

Contact Information:

63260 Van Dyke
Washington, MI 48095

586-758-2989
verellenorchards@yahoo.com
www.verellenorchards.com

Open: Year Round
Business Hours: 6:30am - 6:00pm, M - F
7:00am - 6:00pm, Sa - Sun



Delivery
Not offered



Tours
Not offered



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

VERELLEN ORCHARDS

Produce Available



Apples



Beans



Beets



Broccoli



Cabbage



Carrots



Cherries



Corn



Cucumbers



Lettuce



Onions



Peaches



Peppers



Plums



Potatoes



Radishes



Tomatoes



Squash

Payment Method



Credit Card



Cash

Documentation Provided



Receipt

WESTVIEW ORCHARDS

Contact Information:

65075 Van Dyke
Washington, MI 48095

586-752-3123
abby@westvieworchards.com
www.WestviewOrchards.com

Open: May - December 24
Business Hours: 8am - 6pm, 7 days/week



Delivery

Radius: Negotiable
Minimum: \$500



Tours

Orchard Tours Offered
Call for more information



Interested in participating in
Farm to School events

WESTVIEW ORCHARDS

Produce Available



Apples



Asparagus



Berries



Cherries



Corn



Cucumbers



Peaches



Peppers



Squash



Tomatoes

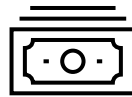
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Credit Card



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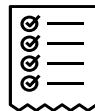


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Farm to School Safety

Consider the following regarding farm to school food safety practices. It is intended to help you begin thinking about food safety practices for local food and is not intended as all-inclusive.

On-farm Food Safety

No food safety certification is required for farms to sell directly to schools (unless your district requires it), however, understanding your suppliers on-farm food safety practices is important. If you are unable to visit the farms from which you would like to purchase, have a conversation with them about on-farm food safety practices. Use this checklist will help you start the conversation with potential sellers.

store.extension.iastate.edu/product/12938

Transportation and Delivery

How food is transported is an important consideration in keeping local foods safe. In the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Food Safety section of the *Putting Michigan Produce on Your Menu* guide is a list of transportation and delivery related items to inspect for safe transport.

www.canr.msu.edu/foodsystems/uploads/files/mi-produce-institution.pdf

Washing, handling and storing

Food safety considerations for local produce in the cafeteria will not differ significantly from your standard food safety Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), but refer to the resources below for tips and considerations about the following topics:

- Washing techniques: <https://www.cultivatemichigan.org/sites/default/files/documents/MMRW-WashingTechniques.pdf>
- Storing farm fresh produce: <https://www.cultivatemichigan.org/sites/default/files/documents/MMRW-ProduceStorage.pdf>
- Standard operating procedures for Michigan produce: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/foodsystems/uploads/files/mi-purchasing-guide.pdf>

For an in-depth resource on food safety recommendations and practices on farm to serving, see this School Garden & Farm to Cafeteria:

- Safety Manual: http://www.farmtoschool.org/Resources/MN_school_garden_safety_manual.pdf

Procurement

Using micro purchasing is the easiest method to purchase directly from a local farm. According to the USDA, use this procurement method when the aggregate value of your purchase falls below the micro purchase threshold, which is \$10,000. This allows schools to purchase supplies or services without soliciting competitive quotations, if the school considers the price reasonable.

If your purchases will exceed \$10,000 in aggregate, other procurement methods must be used, see below.

- A comprehensive set of resources about how to procure local foods for school meal programs is available on the USDA's website: www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/procuring-local-foods
- The School Nutrition Association provides a Procurement Training Zone for members to locate resources and trainings: www.schoolnutrition.org/learning-center/procurement/
- The Michigan Department of Education provides tips for success and guidance on procurement procedures for USDA Child Nutrition Programs: www.michigan.gov//mde

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